

REMARKS

Initially, applicants would like to express their appreciation to Examiner Vitali A. Korobov for the courtesies extended to attorney James Milton during a telephone interview on October 19, 2005. The telephone interview involved a discussion of the rejection of claims 1, 6, and 16-17. Examiner Korobov agreed that the rejection of claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and the rejection of claims 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 are inappropriate.

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, because the Office Action states that limitations in claims 1 and 6 are indefinite.

With regard to claim 1, applicants have responded by adding commas to claim 1, which clarify the limitations in applicants' claim 1.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 6.

As discussed with the Examiner, the rejection of claim 6 is inappropriate and should be removed as there is proper antecedent basis for "the address".

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to an "article" and "computer-readable signal-bearing medium", which the Office Action states is non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection.

As discussed with the Examiner, the rejection of claims 16-17 is inappropriate and should be removed as an "article" and "computer-readable signal-bearing medium" are statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-7 were rejected as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by U. S. Patent Number 6,640,242 issued to O'Neal on October 28, 2003.

Applicants have avoided this ground of rejection for the following reasons.

O'Neal does not teach applicants' claim 1 limitation, as amended, that now recites, "one or more node components that, upon registration of one or more users in a second network subsequent to registration of one or more of the one or more users in a first network, ... , wherein one of said first network and said second network is a wireless network".

Instead, O'Neal discloses a predominantly analog/voice public switched telephone network (PSTN) and a predominantly digital Internet network. Contrary to applicants' claim 1, O'Neal does not mention registration of one or more users, nor does O'Neal mention wireless networks, as recited in applicants' claim 1. Thus, O'Neal is missing the registration and wireless network elements as recited in applicants' claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that O'Neal does not describe each and every element of claim 1, and therefore claim 1 is not anticipated by O'Neal. Since claims 2-13 depend from allowable claim 1, these claims are also allowable over O'Neal.

Independent claims 14 and 16 each have a limitation similar to that of independent claim 1, which was shown is not taught by O'Neal. For example, claim 14, as amended, recites, "copying, upon registration of a user in a second network subsequent to registration of the user in a first network, ... , wherein one of said first network and said second network is a wireless network" and claim 16, as amended, recites "means in the medium for copying, upon registration of a user in a second network, ... , wherein one of said first network and said second network is a wireless network". O'Neal does not teach these limitations for the above-mentioned reasons. Therefore, independent claims 14 and 16 are likewise allowable over O'Neal. Since claim 15 depends from claim 14 and claim 17 depends from claim 16, these dependent claims are also allowable over O'Neal.

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Claim Amendments

Claims 2-3, 5-6, 8, 10, 13, 15, and 17 were amended to add the term "and".

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action's rejections have been overcome and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney.

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